

June 15, 2021

Forward in Faith

This past spring, our teachers and staff chose “Forward in Faith” as our theme for the 2021-2022 school year. Each year at SDS we have a theme that sets the tone for our year. Our 8th grade students will also be writing our School Prayer for the year, which the entire school recites each morning at the end of announcements.

There are many areas where SDS is moving *Forward in Faith* this coming year:

- **New Staff**- We are excited to welcome the new teachers and staff to our SDS Family! Our family has changed quite a bit for this coming year, and we are excited for the new ideas and opportunities this will bring to our students.
- **Building Improvements**- We are moving right along with our office remodel and creating a Teacher/Staff Workroom. This new space will allow our staff the opportunity to collaborate as a community.
- **Technology Improvements**- All classrooms are receiving new Smart Boards that are state-of-the-art and easy to move around the classroom. Our 5th-8th grade students are getting new 1:1 Chromebooks. Our Preschool-4th grade students will continue to use iPads for digital learning.
- **3rd Year of Believe and Read**- We have been blessed with this exceptional foundational literacy and writing curriculum for our students. As noted in the [June newsletter](#), we saw tremendous growth in our K-3 students, even in a year filled with turbulence. Most schools cannot celebrate that accomplishment! We are excited to see just how much our students will excel in our 3rd year of this outstanding program.

Free Lunch for 2021-2022

We are happy to announce that for the 2021-2022 school year, lunch will again be free of charge to all Preschool-8th grade students. This is due to the generous funding from the Federal Lunch Program.

We ask that if your family usually applies for Free and Reduced Lunch, that you do that again for this year. This [application](#) also qualifies us for the Title I program that funds literacy and math support at our school. For more information:

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Getting Ready for 2021-2022

The [School Supply Lists](#) have been posted to the school website.

Back to School Open House will be Wednesday, September 1 from 4-6pm for Preschool-8th Grade. More details to follow.

[Saint Watch registration](#) is now open for 2021-2022. There have been changes for this year's program.

Once we have more guidance on health and safety protocols for the fall, we will notify all families.

